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FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE ON
DANISH TV JUNE 13 FROM 8:25 P. M. TO 9:15 P. M. SECRETARY WAS INTER-
VIEWED BY PANEL OF THREE LEADING DANISH TELEVISION COMMENTATORS.

1. QUESTION: EVEN THE DETENTE REQUIRES A SORT OF
COMMON APPROACH OR COMMON POLICY BY THE ALLIANCE.
THE PRESIDENT'S SECURITY ADVISOR, HENRY KISSINGER, SPOKE ABOUT
A NEW ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP, A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER. WHAT,
EXACTLY, COULD HAVE BEEN IN HIS MIND?

2. ROGERS: AS YOU KNOW, HE MADE A FAIRLY LONG STATEMENT
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ON THIS SUBJECT. I MERELY WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE ARE THINKING
ABOUT A NEW CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK, OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL GUIDE US
IN THE FUTURE.

3. QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF ORGANIZATION DOES WASHINGTON WANT? BECAUSE YOU'RE SPEAKING NOW ABOUT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, PROBABLY OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, BUT ORIGINALLY, WHEN KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS THOUGHTS, HE SPOKE ABOUT A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER.

4. ROGERS: WE'RE NOT ALL THAT CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXACT DESCRIPTION THAT'S GIVEN. AND I THINK WE ARE NOW USING THE PHRASE "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES" OR "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES". WE'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT CREATING A NEW ORGANIZATION AS SUCH, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN. WE HAVE THE ALLIANCE, WHICH IS A STRONG, IMPORTANT ALLIANCE. YOU HAVE THE COMMUNITY, THAT WE SUPPORT AND FAVOR. WE HAVE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GOING TO START THIS FALL, GATT. WE HAVE MONETARY DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY NOW IN IMF. BUT WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO HAVE A NEW CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE AGREE ON BASIC PRINCIPLES, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THIS STRONG PARTNERSHIP THAT EXISTS, AND WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE IN THE WORLD EVER SINCE WORLD WAR II. WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THE PROBLEMS THAT WILL ARISE IN THESE OTHER AREAS DISTURB OR DISRUPT THE ALLIANCE THAT WE CONSIDER SO IMPORTANT.

5. QUESTION: NEARLY ALL THE WEST EUROPEANS ARE AGAINST THE IDEA OF PUTTING ALL THE PROBLEMS IN ONE HAT, AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT ALL OUR COMMON PROBLEMS AT THE SAME TIME. WHAT ARE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS?

6. ROGERS: WE AGREE WITH THAT. WE DON'T EXPECT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ALL BE CONDUCTED IN ANY ONE FORUM. WE EXPECT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS DEALING WITH TRADE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GATT. WE EXPECT THE MONETARY DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF IMF. AND WE CONSIDER THAT THE PROBLEMS OF SECURITY WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NATO MEETING.

7. QUESTION: BUT YOU PREFER TO HAVE THEM LINKED TOGETHER SOMEHOW.

8. ROGERS: NO, I DONT THINK SO. I THINK THE WORD "LINKED" IS WRONG. WE DONT WANT TO USE THE WORD "LINKED". BUT WE DO RECOGNIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THEY'RE INTERRELATED, JUST AS A MATTER OF FACT. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CANT THINK OF MONETARY MATTERS WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE EFFECT ON TRADE. WE CANT THINK OF TRADE WITHOUT THINKING OF OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND WHAT THE EFFECT WILL BE IF WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A TRADE DEFICIT. WE CANT THINK OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'RE GOING TO CONTRIBUTE FOR SECURITY, DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE LIKE, UNLESS WE CONSIDER BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND OUR TRADE DEFICIT. SO ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE, IN FACT, INTERRELATED. BUT WE DONT SUGGEST THAT THEY HAVE TO BE LINKED IN ANY SPECIFIC WAY.

9. QUESTION: DO YOU ALWAYS LINK CSCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA?

10. ROGERS: WE EXPECT SOMETHING CONCRETE OUT OF THE CONFERENCE (CSCE), YES. WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE. I THINK WE' VE COME TO A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT AMONG OURSELVES ON THAT SCORE. WE ALSO HAVE WORKED OUT WITH THE SOVIET UNION A TIMETABLE FOR TALKS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. AND WE HOPE THAT THOSE TALKS WILL START NOT LATER THAN THE END OF OCTOBER.

1. QUESTION: THE REACTION IN EUROPE HASN' T BEEN VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF DR. KISSINGER'S THOUGHTS, ESPECIALLY BY THIS QUOTATION: " THE UNITED STATES HAS GLOBAL INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. EUROPE HAS REGIONAL INTERESTS."

12. ROGERS: I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT ON THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, I SAID WE ARE USING.. A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, SOME PHRASE OF THAT KIND. BECAUSE I THINK IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE IDEA OF ATLANTIC CHARTER SOUNDS TOO FORMALIZED, AS IF WE WERE THINKING ABOUT A NEW ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE.
I DONT QUITE AGREE WITH DR. KISSINGER ON THAT POINT. I THINK WHAT HE WAS SAYING WAS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.. BECAUSE OF OUR MILITARY STRENGTH, AND THE SIZE OF OUR COUNTRY, IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND COMPLETELY CHANGING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AND I THINK WHAT HE HAD IN MIND, PROBABLY, WHEN HE USED THE PHRASE WAS THAT YOU HAV BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, AND SO FORTH, SO TO THAT EXTENT, OUR POLICIES HAVE PROCEEDED ALONG DIFFERENT PATHS. BUT CERTAINLY, IT IS UNFAIR TO SAY THAT EUROPE DOESN'T HAVE GLOBAL
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INTERESTS. YOU HAD GLOBAL INTERESTS LONG BEFORE THE UNITED STATES HAD THEM, AND YOU' VE HAD THEM EVER SINCE. SO THERE' S NO DENYING THAT FACT, AND I' M PERFECTLY HAPPY TO SAY SO.

13. QUESTION: MR. ROGERS, IT HAS BEEN TOLD IN SOME AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS THAT WE CAN EXPECT A KIND OF SUPER- POWER AGREEMENT ON SOME SMALL REDUCTIONS OF THE FORCES IN EUROPE- THE SOVIET FORCES, THE UNITED STATES FORCES- AND THAT THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE COMING SUMMIT CONFERENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV. THEY HAVE SAID THAT WE COULD EXPECT SOMETHING LIKE 26,000 TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM...

14. ROGERS: NO, I DONT THINK THAT THERE' LL BE AN AGREEMENT OF THAT KIND, REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT NIXON. I THINK ANY AGREEMENT OF THAT KIND WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. WE HAVE CONVEYED TO OUR ALLIES THAT WE WILL NOT MAKE A SEPARATE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED ON THAT SUBJECT, IT' LL HAVE TO BE REACHED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND... THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL OF US.

15. QUESTION: WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THE ICELANDIC DECISION
TO HAVE THE BASE AGREEMENT REVISED?

16. ROGERS: YES. I HOPE THAT THEY WONT INVOKE CHAPTER 7.
ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY INTEND TO. BECAUSE WE THINK
THE BASE THERE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE ALLIANCE. AND THE AMERICANS
ARE WELL REGARDED IN ICELAND. I AS JUST IN ICELAND, TALKED TO
THE FOREIGN MINISTER. WE REALLY HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE BASE,
OTHER THAN THE DISPUTE THAT ICELAND IS HAVING WITH THE UNITED KING-
DOM ABOUT FISH, WHICH REALLY IS QUITE UNRELATED TO OUR BASE THERE.
SO WE HOPE THAT CHAPTER 7 WONT BE INVOKED. BUT IF IT SHOULD BE,
WE INTEND TO IMPRESS ON ICELAND ESPECIALLY, AND ON ALL THE MEMBERS
OF THE ALLIANCE, THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THAT BASE. SECONDLY,
WE' RE
PREPARED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WITH ICELAND, IF THERE ARE THINGS
WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT MORE PALATBLE, POLITICALLY, FROM THEIR STAND-
POINT. WE' RE PREPARED TO DO THAT, AND WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT WE
WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR BASE RIGHTS IN ICELAND.

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QUM QUESTION: DO YOU MAINTAIN THAT THE BASE IS VITAL FOR THE
DEFENSE OF NATO IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC?

18. ROGERS: YES.

19. QUESTION: TURNING TO GREECE, NOW. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
SAID AFTER THE OUSTER OF KING CONSTANTINE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO
THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HVE SERIOUSLY TO RECONSIDER WHETHER
OR NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW REPUBLIC. WOULD YOU CARE TO ELABOR-
ATE?

20. ROGERS: WELL, WE ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE DAY TO DAY RELATIONS
WITH GREECE AS WE HAVE I

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